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(b) second and third adhesive layers disposed on opposing surfaces of said first layer;

(c) a [second] fourth layer comprising ethylene vinyl acetate and disposed adjacent to said third layer; and

(d) a fifth layer comprising a polymer or copolymer formed by the polymerization reaction with a single site catalyst and disposed adjacent to said fourth layer;

wherein said film is irradiated.

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are pending in this application. Claim 17 has been amended to correct an indefinite issue.

Restriction Under 35 USC §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 17-18 and 20-21 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner has stated that in claim 17, line 5, the term "second layer" is unclear, since applicant previously recited "second and third adhesive layer. The Examiner has also stated that in claim 17, reciting "a fifth layer" is unclear, since the recitation of "a fourth layer" is not present. Claim 17 has been amended at line 5 to now read "fourth layer". This claim amendment would obviate the rejection of claim 17, line 7 and the rejection of claim 20, line 3. Support for the amendment to claim 17 is found on page 9, second paragraph of the instant application.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102

Claims 17 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Babrowicz, U.S. Patent No. 5,837,335.

In response to the above rejections, applicants note that the present application has been amended to show its complete file history. By way of this amendment applicants have claimed priority under 35 USC §102 from U.S. Application No. 08/082,226, filed June 24, 1993, in favor of continuation-in-part application, U.S. Application No. 8/481,685, filed June 7, 1995.

Prior Application No. 08/082,226 has at least one common inventor with the present application. Specifically, Application No. 08/082,226 has the following common inventors with the present invention:

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As set forth in the amendment submitted herewith, the specification has been amended to recite that the application claims priority from Application No. 08/082,226.

The specification of Application No. 08/082,226 discloses the subject matter of the application "in such full, clear, concise and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains... to make and use the same," as required by 35 USC §122.

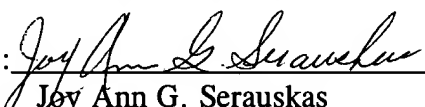
Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Babrowicz, U.S. Patent No. 5,837,335.

Please see applicants' previous remarks regarding this reference.

In view of the above amendment to the specification and the accompanying remarks, applicants believe that all rejections which were contained in the Office Action have been overcome. Therefore allowance of the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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